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68/270. Second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Almaty Declaration[1] and the Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries,[2]

Recalling also the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012, entitled "The future we want",[3]

Recalling further its resolutions 66/214 of 22 December 2011, 67/222 of 21 December 2012 and 68/225 of 20 December 2013,

1. *Welcomes and accepts with appreciation* the generous offer of the Government of Austria to host the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries in Vienna;

2. *Decides* to convene the Conference from 3 to 5 November 2014;

3. *Also decides* that two sessions of the intergovernmental Preparatory Committee shall be held in New York on 12 and 13 June and on 2 and 3 October 2014;

4. *Further decides* that the Preparatory Committee shall have a Bureau consisting of two members of each regional group, that the Bureau shall elect its own co-Chairs and that Austria and the Chair of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries shall serve as ex officio members of the Bureau;

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[1] *Report of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation, Almaty, Kazakhstan, 28 and 29 August 2003* (A/CONF.202/3), annex II.

[2] Ibid., annex I.

[3] Resolution 66/288, annex.

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5. *Decides* that the Bureau shall be co-chaired by two Member States, comprising one developed State and one developing State;

6. *Invites* regional groups to nominate their candidates for the 10-member Bureau of the Preparatory Committee no later than 5 May 2014, so that they can be involved in the preparations for the first meeting of the Committee;

7. *Invites* the Bureau to convene further meetings on an informal basis in New York, as required and in the most efficient and effective manner to discuss the draft outcome document of the Conference;

8. *Decides* that the Conference and the meetings of its Preparatory Committee shall provide for the full and effective participation of all States Members of the United Nations and members of specialized agencies, that the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, as well as the supplementary arrangements established for the Commission on Sustainable Development by the Council in its decisions 1993/215 of 12 February 1993 and 1995/201 of 8 February 1995, shall apply to the meetings of the Committee, as applicable, and that the Committee shall consider and adopt the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference, taking into consideration the established practice of the General Assembly, except as otherwise provided in the present resolution;

9. *Encourages* the active participation of all States Members of the United Nations, in particular landlocked and transit developing countries and donor countries, as well as of the United Nations system and international and regional organizations, in the Conference at the highest level possible;

10. *Stresses*, while recognizing the intergovernmental nature of the Conference, the importance of the effective participation of all relevant stakeholders, including civil society and the private sector, in the Conference and its preparatory processes as well as in the interactive thematic round tables and side events during the Conference;

11. *Decides* that the major groups and the non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, as well as those that were accredited to the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation and to the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action, must register in order to participate;

12. *Also decides* that non-governmental organizations not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council wishing to attend and contribute to the Conference, and whose work is relevant to the subject of the Conference, may participate as observers in the Conference as well as in the preparatory meetings, in accordance with the provisions contained in part VII of Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996, and subject to the approval of the Preparatory Committee in plenary meeting, and that, while respecting fully the provisions contained in rule 57 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, such a decision should be made by consensus;

13. *Further decides* that, in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, the secretariat of the Conference shall be responsible for the receipt and preliminary evaluation of requests for accreditation to the Conference and its preparatory process and that, in the discharge of its functions, the secretariat of the Conference shall work in close cooperation and coordination with the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Secretariat and shall review the

relevance of the work of the applicants on the basis of their background and involvement in all issues relevant to the Conference;

14. *Decides* that the Secretariat shall publish the list of applications received and disseminate the list in advance to members of the Preparatory Committee, at least one month before the first meeting of the second session of the Committee, at which time a decision on such applications will be taken;

15. *Requests* the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, as the United Nations system-wide focal point for the preparations for the 10-year Review Conference, pursuant to its resolution 66/214, and invites the Secretary-General, to take the measures necessary, within existing resources, to ensure effective, efficient and timely preparations for the Conference and to further mobilize and coordinate the active involvement of the organizations of the United Nations system;

16. *Reiterates its invitation* to Member States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, major groups and other donors to contribute to the trust fund established by the Secretary-General to support the activities related to the follow-up to the implementation of the outcome of the Almaty International Ministerial Conference and the participation of representatives of the landlocked developing countries in both the preparatory process and the Conference itself;

17. *Decides* that the Conference shall be organized in accordance with the organization of work set forth in the annex to the present resolution.

84th plenary meeting
23 April 2014

Annex

Proposed organization of work of the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries

Vienna, 3 to 5 November 2014

1. The arrangements set out below have been formulated pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 66/214 of 22 December 2011, 67/222 of 21 December 2012 and 68/225 of 20 December 2013.

2. The second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries will be held in Vienna from 3 to 5 November 2014.

Plenary meetings

3. The Conference will consist of an opening meeting, a closing meeting and four plenary meetings.

Committee of the Whole

4. A Committee of the Whole, established in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Conference, will meet if necessary in parallel with plenary meetings, except during the opening and closing meetings. The Committee of the Whole will be responsible for finalizing any outstanding matters.